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SynergEyes, Inc. Expands Parameters for Duette™ Hybrid Contact Lens for Astigmatism

Carlsbad, CA (December 2010) – SynergEyes, Inc., the leader in hybrid contact lenses, has expanded the parameters of its new silicone hydrogel hybrid contact lens for astigmatism, Duette™. Duette™ is currently available in limited release in the U.S., at select practices. A nationwide launch begins January 1, 2011.

Duette™ is now available in sphere powers from +4.00D to -12.00D. This expansion in parameters increases the number of patients that can take advantage of the benefits offered by the Duette™ hybrid lens technology and is the first of additional parameter expansions planned for 2011.

“Because the hybrid platform is rotationally symmetric, Duette™ is approved to correct up to 6 diopters of corneal astigmatism without having to worry about axis shift,” said Paul Kusy, OD, FAAO. “With the expansion in parameters, virtually any normal cornea patient in a practice can benefit from astigmatic correction free from soft toric ‘blur’”.

The Duette™ lens is unlike any hybrid contact lens ever designed. Duette™ features a new SynergEyes-developed RGP material, MaxVu™ and a proprietary Flex₂O™ silicone hydrogel skirt. The high modulus MaxVu™ RGP has a Dk of 130 and incorporates a class II UV blocker, while the low modulus silicone hydrogel skirt has a Dk of 84 and is 32% water. A patent-pending surface treatment,

HealthyEyes™, increases wettability and resists protein deposits to maximize comfort.

SynergEyes is the leader in hybrid contact lens technology, combining a rigid gas permeable center and a soft outer skirt. The result is a durable “hybrid” lens for patients seeking crisp, clear vision and the all-day comfort of a soft lens. SynergEyes lenses with FDA market-clearance include Duette™ and *SynergEyes® A* for naturally occurring ametropia, targeting patients with astigmatism, current soft toric lens wearers, and patients demanding optimized vision; *ClearKone®* and *SynergEyes® KC* for keratoconus, Duette™ Multifocal and *SynergEyes® Multifocal* for presbyopia and *SynergEyes® PS* for post-surgery and post-trauma refractive errors.

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